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USDA to measure small grains production

[Springfield, Illinois] August 2021 – During the first two weeks of September, a sample of small grains growers around the country will receive Agricultural Survey questionnaires from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The agency is taking a comprehensive look into the 2021 production and supply of small grains, including wheat, oats, and rye.

“The small grains industry is an important part of Illinois’s agriculture. It is crucial for all involved to have accurate data about this key sector of the economy,” said NASS State Statistician Mark Schleusener. “We will contact more than 2,200 producers in Illinois to accurately measure 2021 acreage, yield, and production for small grain crops. The data collected from this survey will also help set small grain acreage, yield, and production estimates at the county level, which will be available online at the NASS QuickStats website this December.”

NASS will gather information from farmers and ranchers on their 2021 production and the quantities of corn, soybeans, wheat, and oats stored on the farm. Producers are encouraged to respond conveniently online at agcounts.usda.gov. The online questionnaire is fast and secure. They may also return their completed surveys by mail. Farmers who have not responded by August 30 may receive a phone call from a NASS representative who will help them fill out the survey or schedule a time to do so.

Illinois Winter Wheat 2016 - 2020				
	Acres Planted	Acres Harvested	Yield / acre	Total Production
2016	520,000	470,000	74	34,780,000
2017	500,000	470,000	76	35,720,000
2018	600,000	560,000	66	36,960,000
2019	650,000	550,000	67	36,850,000
2020	570,000	520,000	68	35,360,000

“NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents, by keeping responses confidential and publishing the data in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified,” stated

Schleusener. “We recognize that this is a hectic time for farmers and ranchers, but the

information that producers provide becomes useful data for decision-making on the farm, federal farm programs, and the markets. I urge them to respond to this survey and thank them for their time and cooperation.”

NASS will analyze the survey information and publish the state and national results in the annual *Small Grains Summary* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* report on September 30. These survey data also contribute to the USDA’s World Agricultural Outlook Board’s monthly *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE)*.

All NASS reports are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at (800) 551-1014 or nassrfohlr@usda.gov.

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